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Lathi charge by the Police at Bhimavaram on the 24th July 1932.

* 153 *Q.*—Mr. C. INDRIAH: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there was a lathi charge at Bhimavaram on the 24th of July 1932 at 6 a.m.;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Tallapragada Prakasa Rayudu, M.A., and others were mercilessly beaten;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that Mr. T. Prakasa Rayudu, M.A., received serious injuries on his head and hands;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that one of his hands was seriously injured; and

(*e*) whether it is a fact that he was removed to the local Government hospital for treatment?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) The facts as reported by the District Magistrate are as follows:—

On the morning of 24th July 1932 at about 5 a.m. a party of some twenty Congress volunteers including two women were proceeding towards the chowk at Bhimavaram with a view to hold a taluk conference in support of civil disobedience. As the volunteers would not disperse after due warning, the Police dispersed them by a mild lathi charge. Three volunteers including the leader, Kasturi Prakasa Rayudu, received slight injuries, and Prakasa Rayudu was arrested. No more force than was necessary for the dispersal of the volunteers was used. Government have no information as to what medical treatment was given to Prakasa Rayudu.

Mr. C. INDRIAH:—" The report of the District Magistrate does not say anything about the parts of the body on which injuries were inflicted. Will the hon. the Home Member call for information as to the injuries received by Mr. Prakasa Rayudu on the head and hands? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—" Before the District Magistrate made his report, did he enquire Mr. Prakasa Rayudu about the alleged injuries received by him? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" I have no information on that point."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—" Is it all an one-sided report then? "

Acquittal of Mr. Somayajulu, Secretary, Buy Indian League, Narasapur.

* 154 *Q.*—Mr. C. INDRIAH: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that Mr. P. V. Somayajulu, Secretary of the Buy Indian League, Narasapur, West